

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Continuation Application of)
Appln. No. 08/836,029; filed)
August 27, 1997 in the name of:)
Morikatsu MATSUDA et al.)
Application No.: Unassigned)
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
For: PUNCHING MACHINE AND)
METHOD THEREOF)
Group Art Unit: 3724
Examiner: C. Goodman
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, lines 7-8, delete "according to claim 1 of the invention,";

lines 28-29, delete both lines in their entirety and insert in their place -In a

particular embodiment, the first and second--

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Page 3, lines 4-5, delete both lines in their entirety and insert in their place -The

A2 punching machine can further comprise a clutch--;